

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-8 and amend Claims 9 and 14 as noted in the listing below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Cancel Claims 1-8.

9. (currently amended) The An apparatus of claim 8, comprising wherein:
a storage structure to store at least one entry, the at least one entry to include a
register identifier value;
a first physical rename register of a first length; and
a second physical rename register of a second length different than the first length,
wherein the first and second rename registers are distinct from each other and do not share
any common bits;
a logical register; and
rename logic to map an instance of the logical register to a selected physical rename
register, where the selected physical rename register is selected from a plurality of registers
comprising the first physical rename register and the second physical rename register; and.

wherein the register identifier value is to indicate a current length, wherein the current length is selected from a set including the first length and the second length;
wherein the logical register includes a plurality of x bit positions;
wherein a selected one of the x bit positions may be accessed individually responsive to a first instruction that indicates the selected bit position;
wherein all x bit positions may be accessed together responsive to a second instruction;
and
the rename logic is further to allocate the first physical rename register responsive to the first instruction, the rename logic further to allocate the second physical rename register responsive to the second instruction.

10. (previously amended) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein:

a subset including y of the x bits may be accessed responsive to a third instruction, where $y > 1$; and

the rename logic is further to allocate the first physical rename register responsive to the third instruction.

11. (original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein:

the length of the first physical rename register includes y bit positions.

12. (original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein:

the entry is further to include a position identifier, the position identifier to indicate a selected one of the y bit positions of the first physical rename register.

13. (original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein:

the selected one of the y bit positions of the first physical rename register corresponds to the selected bit position indicated by the first instruction.

14. (currently amended) A method comprising:

determining that a current instruction (~~add indication of bulk or partial write~~) indicates as a destination register a multiple-bit-field (MBF) register having n bit positions, where $n > 1$; and

allocating a physical rename register for the destination register;

wherein allocating further comprises allocating a physical rename register of a first length responsive to the current instruction indicating a partial-bit write of only 1 bit position of the MBF and further comprises allocating a physical rename register of a second length responsive to the current instruction indicating a bulk-bit write of x bit positions, where x is greater than 1 and x is less than or equal to n.

15. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein:

allocating further comprises modifying a rename map table to indicate the allocated physical rename register.

16. (previously amended) The method of claim 14, wherein:

the allocating further includes allocating a physical rename register of the first length responsive to the current instruction indicating a partial-bit write of y bit positions, where $1 < y < x$.

17. (previously amended) The method of claim 16, wherein:

the y bit positions are contiguous.

18. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein:

the x bit positions are contiguous.

19. (previously amended) The method of claim 14, wherein:

the allocating further comprises allocating a physical rename register of the second length responsive to the current instruction indicating a bulk-bit write of all n bit positions.

20. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein:

y=2.

21. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein:

y=4.

22. (original) The method of claim 14, further comprising:

modifying the current instruction to indicate the allocated physical rename register in place of the MBF register.